

**ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to compositions comprising trefoil family factor peptides which are useful in preventing or treating dry eye by topical  
5 administration of the composition to eye of the patient. One aspect of this invention relates to topical ophthalmic compositions comprising a trefoil factor family peptide, and preferably, a mucoadhesive component, as described herein. Another aspect of this invention relates to the use of these compositions to treat or prevent dry eye in a patient.

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